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**PROPERTY AND CULTURE
Seminar Guidelines
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Seminar Papers

Within the first few weeks, you should put considerable thought into and settle on a paper topic. The paper must be one that states a thesis, thoroughly engages the doctrinal/theoretical/policy issues raised, and then makes an argument for your well-considered and well-supported position.

Seminar Paper Schedule

Friday September 11 Paper Topic: One page (minimum) description of paper is due. This document should state a thesis, give a brief synopsis of the issue, show how you plan to tackle the issues and include a few of the sources that you've looked at.

Friday October 23 First Draft: First draft of paper is due. This draft should be no less than 15 pages (double-spaced) and should be a substantial effort toward a finished product. A last-minute, wholly descriptive piece will have a negative effect on your grade. I will read the drafts and return them with substantial comments.

Friday November 20 Second Draft: Second draft of paper is due. This draft should be no less than 20 pages (double-spaced) should show improvement from the first draft and be nearing a final draft of the paper.

Monday December 21 (last day of exams) Final Paper: Final paper due. It should be no fewer than 25 pages (double-spaced). Your aim should be to write a paper that is publishable. Please see the Chicago-Kent guide to writing seminar papers.

Summary of Grades

Paper Topic/Description (09/11):	5%
First Draft (10/23):	10%
Second Draft (11/20):	10%
Final Draft (12/21):	50%
Participation:	25%